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## S. P. I.

The purpose of STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS as an organisation, is defined clearly by its title - to investigate strange phenomena in its many categories. Such categories include reported hauntings, ie, apparitions, Poltergeist events, UFO sightings, and various forms of psychic events. SPI was conceived in principle in 1979. Involvement in SPI is more than academic beyond the appeal of the subject as a study. We are drawn to it because we share the mutual opinion that the subject demands investigation and a definite awareness on as wide a scale as possible, and which will help to establish a firmer foundation that, "there are such things".

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# EDITORIAL.



UFOs and the Paranormal, you either believe in them or you don't, its as simple as that. One may say however, that they prefer to have an open mind on the subject, waiting until such times as a given phenomenon demonstrates new laws as yet unrecognised by present science. This I suppose is fair comment, but the subject matter of this Editorial, is basically to ask the reader, 'how gullable are we?' Do we believe all we read as being true in UFO/Ghost or Paranormal books? Do you believe all you read in the press? Surely not, as the wife of the Yorkshire ripper would inform us. She won a substantial amount of money as damages for lies which were written about her in the magazine, 'Private Eye'. Indeed, I have noticed fairly regularly in Newspapers, numerous accounts of them 'retracting' story's as being untrue with full apologies. Now if this can happen in the press, surely one would think that this has happened in at least one out of the countless thousands of paranormal books. The sad thing is that one book which may be full of inaccurate accounts and half truths, if believed by certain gullable individuals, may get mentioned time and time again as, "well it must be true, I read it in a book". Indeed, this has been the case even the illustrious Erich Von Daniken has presented facts to the reader only to 'retract' them at a later date. Now these facts, if not known by the reader, could be referred to time and time again by others as being true accounts; so much so, that even if found out to be false, well certain individuals prefer to adhere a strict belief irrespective of the knowledge that they are false.

When I started out on my quest for knowledge on UFOs, I must admit that I strongly fancied the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, (ETH) but one has to be objective I felt an inner requirement to find out for myself if indeed the reports of UFOs in many books, were indeed true, so I decided to join BUFORA and assist them by researching UFO cases in Scotland. And what did I find? I found out, that by golly its true that 95 out of 100 UFO reports can be accounted for by natural explanations, eg, aircraft, weather balloons etc. However, this did not deter me, I must admit I was deflated. My heart felt inner hope that we were being visited by aliens took a bash. I have never ever let this early belief colour my investigations in any pre-conceived way. All UFO Investigators have a pet



theory. What I'm saying is this, that as of this time of writing, July 89, and through my own personal investigation, I have found no cause to accept the E.T. Hypothesis as an explanation for UFO accounts. Sadly though, I am not privy to all other documentation throughout the Globe which 'might' change this view, (serious research papers that is, not books and magazines, unless of course the facts are painstakingly accurate and show evidence of something highly peculiar). I have found that certain people have an 'inner need' or requirement to believe in such things, and they will accept as evidence, the most stupidest stories going. Have we human beings created the UFOs? or are they genuinely there, but not space-ships, but possibly a new and as yet undiscovered atmospheric phenomenon? Either way, this is why research must go on, there is no question about that, for even if we do not find 'wee green men', but find some other fascinating phenomenon, then surely we were right to persevere. I would love for these UFO reports to be the result of alien visitors, but we should not seek this solution as the bottom line.

We should be honest with ourselves and be objective, for some people though it would appear to boil down to faith, is faith enough? I believe in a God yet I've never ever seen him. I've been told that there is a God by people who again have never seen him. They say, "believe, have faith", it appears to this researcher that having a belief does not necessarily imply that a given subject must then be true. It is only when that faith can be backed up by facts that one can safely say, "well there you are". There are far too many people willing to believe in a lot of half truths and uncertainties that it bloody well infuriates me at times. People say, "there must be other people in the Universe if we're here"? Sure, I agree, but there is no direct proof that this is so. Sure we have claims of UFO Abductions, of strange creatures etc, however this evidence is shaky at the least, and at best is not conclusive of alien intervention, (how I wish it was?). All said and done though, there is no doubt that there is indeed something very strange going on, I won't dispute that for a moment. What I'm saying is this, let us not put blinkers on ourselves and look straight forward at a E.T. solution, take the blinkers off and be open minded to other avenues of possibilities, if it's not E.T.s then obviously it is something else. We must get our facts correct and challenge the UFO problem with clarity of mind looking towards a vision of balanced 'open minded research' with no pre-conceived ideas.

What constitutes proof? Is it the observations of these objects in the sky? or, the CLAIMS of the witnesses observing these objects in the sky? Being objective is all important, let us ensure that this remains the case.

## S.P.I. CASE RESEARCH WORK.

As mentioned in the previous issue of ENIGMA'S, we aim to inform the reader of SPI's current research work, and to this end we now take a brief look at an alleged haunted restaurant in Stirling. Unfortunately, we have to leave our intended appraisal of a possible UFO abduction to a further issue, for the moment however, what's that stirring in the shadows of the Tolbooth?

### THE TOLBOOTH, A HAUNTED RESTAURANT?



SPI first became aware of this case when an article entitled, 'something's spooking', appeared in the Scottish Daily Record Newspaper on the 15th of December 1988. The article referred to a 19th Century former jailhouse now turned into a restaurant in Stirling which was experiencing numerous paranormal events. Events such as, heavy chairs mysteriously moving from one room to another, huge wooden doors opening and closing by themselves, and weird howling noises which were heard in the building. It wasn't until February 1989 that SPI began their investigation into these claims, claims which were possibly the intention of a publicity stunt; which in cases such as haunted pubs and restaurants one has got to be open to. Anyway, we arranged to meet Ann Coyle, an attractive 24 year old and manageress of the Tolbooth in which researchers, Malcolm Robinson and Ronald Halliday interviewed her respectively. As the interview progressed, Ann's annoyance at these strange events was quite apparent, she also adamantly informed SPI that this was NOT a publicity stunt, indeed, this was taking its toll on her nerves. The following, are further details of which we learned from Ann during our interview with her. SPI apologise for their 'brevity', a more fuller account will appear in this Journal in due course.

- (a) Most of the front part of the Tolbooth was built during the years, 1702/3.
- (b) The court house above, was built during the years 1809, 1811.
- (c) The Tolbooth served as a prison until October 1848, then it moved across the road to its present site.
- (d) Three people were hanged just outside the Tolbooth in the 1820's.
- (e) Previous to the Tolbooth being used as a restaurant it formally was used as housing and offices and a variety of other uses.
- (f) The first phenomena occurred in September 1988, (that is, the first they were aware of), these were crying sounds, like those of a child.

(g) Sounds were heard like those of chains being dragged across the restaurant floor. (h) On one occasion the music centre was turned on and off, this was noticed and drawn to the staff's attention by a customer. (i) The Chef used to get changed in Cell number 5, (now converted into an office), but ever since the chair moved of its own accord in this previous cell, he has decided to get changed elsewhere. (j) Sometimes there is a bad feeling about the place, a suffocating feeling, a feeling as if someone was watching. (k) The front door opened of its own accord and frightened a customer. (l) Voices seem to come from behind the velvet curtains which are situated opposite to the front entrance, there are also noises which cannot be accounted for by any of the restaurant appliances.



(m) Small pools of water appear in the middle of the conservatory floor, (with no visible means as to how this occurred. (n) Tracy, (a waitress), sets out the tables before closing each night, but in the morning the cutlery has been rearranged. (o) The phenomena seem to happen when Ann and Lucy, (another waitress) are present regardless of who else is in the building. (p) Ann was quoted as saying, "Do you think that we would frighten ourselves to death? Some nights in this place makes me feel quite ill".

These were but some of the strange events which were reported to have occurred in the Tolbooth. At the conclusion of the interview, Ann then proceeded to escort messers Robinson and Halliday on a tour of the building, in which she pointed out the locations of where events had occurred. I'll tell you one thing readers, if ever a place deserved to be haunted, then this most certainly is it.

Try and imagine huge stone walls, (the originals) and these small cramped cells with curved ceiling which have not been structurally altered since they were built, and the massive wooden cell doors, then one cannot fail to experience a sense of foreboding. However, having said that, there are many old buildings around the country which have similar conditions but have no ghosts. SPI's next step in their investigation, was to interview local historian and book seller Bob McCutcheon. Bob runs a book shop in Stirling which houses thousands upon thousands of old, new, and rare antiquated books. I, Malcolm Robinson, found Bob to be a storehouse of information on the Tolbooth which he gladly parted with on my request. I ascertained from Bob not only some of the opening details in this case report, (see details a to e), but that a number of public executions (hangings) were performed outside the Tolbooth which had to be stopped, as 'rescue bids' were quite frequent, (this was before John Wayne remember?) I learned from Bob, that an Alexander Millar, nicknamed, 'Scatters' aged about 19/20

was charged and hanged for forgery and a murder in the town of Denny in 1827. unfortunately and all too late for 'Scatters', someone else confessed to this murder. Another chap, 84 year old Allan Mair, was also hanged outside the Tolbooth this was in 1843. Both Allan Mair and Alexander Millar, (Scatters), are buried in the courtyard at the Tolbooth. Are these disturbances the result of unrest by this pair? and if so, why start it all now? Or does the cause lie elsewhere? Indeed, is this haunting the conspiracy of a hopeful crowd puller hoar? At the moment its hard to say, but a watchful eye is being cast over the Tolbooth and investigations are still occurring. SPI hope to provide further information on the strange 'goings on' down at the Tolbooth, in a further issue of ENIGMA'S.

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## ◀ SPI/BUFORA UFO LECTURE. ▶

SPI IN CONJUNCTION WITH BUFORA, ARE HOLDING AN AFTERNOON LECTURE ON THE UFO PHENOMENON ON SATURDAY OCTOBER THE 14th 1989, TIME: 2pm till 5pm. THE VENUE IS THE 'ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION', ATHOLL CRESCENT, EDINBURGH. THE VENUE IS AT 'THE 'WEST END' OF PRINCESS STREET, UP FROM HAYMARKET STATION.

THE LECTURE WILL BE GIVEN BY JENNY RANGLES, BRITAIN'S LEADING UFOLOGIST AND AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS UFO AND PARANORMAL RELATED BOOKS. JENNY'S LECTURE WILL BE ON THE PUZZLING ENIGMA OF 'UFO ABDUCTIONS'.

A BREAK FOR TEA AND COFFEE WILL FOLLOW, AFTER WHICH A PUBLIC DEBATE ON THE UFO PHENOMENON HOSTED BY BUFORA'S JENNY RANGLES AND SPI'S MALCOLM ROBINSON, WILL ENSUE. SPI PUBLICATIONS WILL BE ON SALE.



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# THROUGH THE "ETHER"



BY  
FRANK  
MCKAY



"You don't believe in me" observed the ghost.

"I don't" said Scrooge.

"What evidence would you have of my reality, beyond that of your senses?"

"I don't know" said Scrooge.

"Why do you doubt your senses?"

"Because" said Scrooge, "a little thing affects them.

A slight disorder of the stomach makes them cheats. You may be an undigested bit of beef, a blot of mustard, a crumb of cheese, a fragment of underdone potato. There's more of gravy than of grave about you, whatever you are" (Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol". 1843).

That extract, from what must surely be the world's favourite Christmas Ghost Story, certainly serves to make the point which baffles most people about the subject of phenomena. Scrooge, as we are led to understand up to this point in the story, was both a hardheaded and hardhearted businessman, lacking in all the human qualities including, rather obviously, imagination. He could not accept the spectre of his long dead partner, Jacob Marley to be anything more than an illusion caused, probably by indigestion. Yet, according to the story, he was instantly frightened at the prospect of being haunted, being something like the old lady who, when asked if she believed in ghosts replied, "No, but I'm afraid of them"?

The point that Dickens was making was that Scrooge deserved to be haunted, as, apparently no human intervention could make the old miser see the error of his ways. That the point was accepted by generations of readers must surely be a

joint victory for human kindness and a somewhat grudging acceptance of the supernatural on a reasonably wide basis. What amazes me is how the public in general seem to be greatly attracted to ghost stories and horror films dealing with supernatural themes, yet when interviewed, with the exception of a small minority, any acceptance of even possible belief is hotly denied.

Mind you, Scrooge may well be forgiven for his early assumption that Marley's apparition was the result of his (Scrooge's) senses being 'cheated' by a stomach disorder. In other words, a hallucination, a strange but common enough condition in which the mind 'wanders' and causes things that 'ain't there' to 'be there' to the affected senses of the sufferer. Alcohol and certain drugs can often effect hallucinations, as can some form of hypnotism. These are reasons quickly put forward by the so called materialists when the subject of ghosts is raised. While not denying such relevant points, I sometimes smile at how such intelligencia overlook the fact that hypnotism was once considered to be a form of Witchcraft and therefore a source of the supernatural, until it was accepted, if not proven to be a science. Therefore, at least in my humble opinion, if one form of phenomena can find such recognition, then ALL phenomena must be accepted, if not proven science, although the intelligencia will constantly disapprove until each respective area can prove itself useful in a utility sense.

Of course phenomena covers almost countless subjects including, I would say, hallucination. We cannot abruptly dismiss supernatural association with hallucination. What is important here is cause. Alistair Crowley was known to use drugs in some of his ceremonies, yet he is credited, (if that is the proper term) of manifesting demons which were beheld by unsolicited spectators, possibly by instant, and unsuspected hypnotism, or... 'something else'???

It has also been stated that there are instances where a group of people gathered together manifestations occur which are only observed by part of that group. Sometimes only one person in a crowd is made aware of a 'presence'. Such as in the case of Bernadette and 'The Lady'. Here again we have points to ponder. Possibly it can be explained by 'vibrations'. By this I mean being 'tuned in' to receive 'vibrations'. Like, for instance, four people are together in a small room, each with a small transistor, radio and headphones. Three are 'tuned in' to Radio One, whilst the other is listening to Radio Two, therefore



Bernadette.

hearing a different programme to that of the other three; and the only one aware of the content of that programme. We are all well aware of the utility purposes of both wireless and television. At one time they would have possibly been considered as containing the elements of magic, or even Witchcraft. But the magic word 'science' now excludes them from having any bearing with the Supernatural. Yet what of the 'ether' through which radio and television signals are sent? Could not this same 'ether', which has existed since time immemorial not also be the means of projecting 'visions' to those suitably 'tuned in' to receive them?

If we are to accept this, then let us also accept that if we are to have a 'Receiver' (or 'Receivers'), we must first have a 'Transmitter'. With Bernadette who as a peasant girl was hardly likely to have been influenced by drugs, we could, in keeping with theology, assume that she was in a 'state of grace' and thus 'tuned in' to the signals transmitted by the agency of the Holy Spirit. Thus she alone saw 'The Lady'. In all religions we are told to pray. Let us now assume that this means 'to transmit our personal messages to God'. All the prophets, including Jesus, gave voice to prayer almost constantly, and instructed their followers to do likewise. And all this centuries before radio and T.V. All mankind can take credit for he is constructing devices to use 'ether'. Without it their devices would be useless; to deny its existence is so futile to be unintelligent. Yet acceptably intelligent people still openly deny that which is there, is it because it is not 'matter'?

We cannot grasp the wind, but when it's there it is there. Perhaps the wind is too commonplace to be worthwhile of such consideration? Ghosts, visions, premonitions etc, are not commonplace. Could they not be transmitted through the 'ether' which has been with us since time immemorial, to persons, and other beings, who are suitably 'tuned in' to receive such things? In Spiritualistic seances, it is the general practice for people with mediumistic powers to conduct such gatherings. Nowadays we call such people 'sensitives', which can only imply that they are more 'receptive' to spirit phenomena than most other people.

I would then, as an Investigator, assume that such 'receptives' are at times, 'tuned in' to the 'channel' or 'channels' through which 'spirit visions' or 'spirit voices' are transmitted via the 'ether'? Thus, in respect of theology, does the power of prayer really mean an 'ethereal' transmission in which those 'suitably endowed' are linked to an Almighty Force which is sympathetic with such inspired entreaties?

To the open-minded enquirer, it might well seem that radio and television have definitely proved the existence, in a general sense, of an opening through which human 'receivers' may find many answers concerning ghosts, visions, dreams and possibly, even UFO's? We can only hope to find out.

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## LOOKING BACK THROUGH THE S.P.I. FILES.

BY MALCOLM ROBINSON.

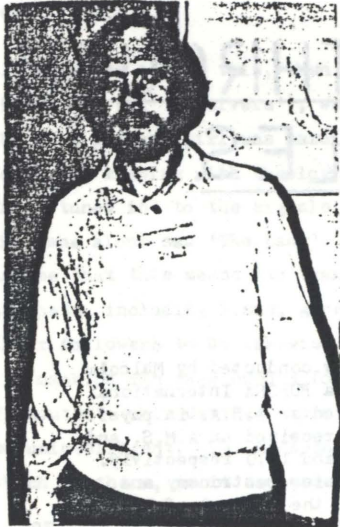
We take from our SPI files for this issue, an interview conducted by Malcolm Robinson with American physicist Dr Bruce Maccabee at a BUFOA International UFO Congress held in London in May 1981. Bruce received an A.B.A. in physics from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1964, he received an A.M.S. and P.h.D in physics from the American University in 1967 and 1970 respectively. Bruce's general areas of interest are, physics, biophysics, astronomy and electronics. He is the author of numerous articles on the subject of UFOs and was the predominant Investigator concerning the New Zealand UFO sightings of 1978.

(MR) Malcolm Robinson. (BM) Bruce Maccabee.

(MR) Bruce, what started your interest in UFOlogy? (BM) Basically, I heard about UFO sightings in newspapers and stuff and I found that too many times the explanations didn't really seem to fit the descriptions of what happened during the sightings. I found I wasn't believing the explanations that were given and so I started to look more deeply into the problem. After I looked into the problem more deeply, I realised that many explanations are wrong. (MR) Do you hold any personal views as to where these Flying Saucers, (if they are such?) come from? (BM) I would say that it seems to me that they are 'real solid objects' whatever they are, but I don't know where they come from. (MR) A great many UFOlogists from all over the world believe that UFOs have 'bases' under the sea, some of them even go so far as to say that they come from 'inside the Earth' itself. Do you feel that there can be any truth in those beliefs?



Well certainly I suppose UFOs could hide in caves, that's not saying that the Earth is hollow, simply that there is cavities empty spaces somewhere that people could hide, and that there might be some thing under the ocean. It's hard to say, after all, UFOs are unknown, and the unknown can do anything. (MR) Do you think that there is any truth in the allegations that the C.I.A. in America and various governments around the world, are using a 'Cover-Up' concerning sightings of UFOs ? (BM) I think there probably IS evidence of a 'Cover-Up' of



Dr Bruce Maccabee.

some sort, perhaps not by the C.I.A. but the U.S. Air Force. And I wouldn't be surprised if there were other Governments that had 'covered up'. Essentially what they did was they refused to release data, and only within the last five years have we got information out of the U.S. Government that was available to the Government 30 years ago but not available to anybody else.

(MR) Its been said that radar visual evidence is one of the most acceptable pieces of evidence we have to substantiate true UFOs, what are your views on this ? (BM) Well, the more physical effects you have regarding a particular sighting, the more likely it is to be true. If you just see something by yourself it might be true, or it might not. You might have a tough time convincing somebody else. If there is a whole bunch of

people who see something, if it's also picked up on radar, then that's more credibility to the sighting. But you have to be very careful with radar visual sightings, you have to be absolutely sure that the object your looking at is the same thing which is being picked up on radar. (MR) Do you think that hypnosis should be used in 'all' C.E. 3 cases ? (BM) Hypnosis 'can' be used, but hypnosis has been shown to generate evidence rather than just 'retrieve' it. And so what you should do if you use hypnosis, and which should only be used on a case which is 'already' well enough documented, is check up on what the person says under hypnosis to see if the story 'changes'. Hypnosis can be used to remember fine details 'maybe', but you got to have some way of connecting that with the truth. (MR) Briefly Bruce, could you tell me a little on the New Zealand UFO sightings ? (BM) Well there are two groups of sightings in New

Zealand, December 21st 1978, and December 31st 1978. In both cases Wellington air traffic control radar was involved. I worked on the December 31st case mainly, that's the one which has the movie and tape recording made by a reporter by the name of Quinten Fogerty who was on the plane. And this involved sightings of lights which pulsed on and off. And one particular part of the sighting which became world famous involved a light on the right hand side of the aircraft which was filmed for several minutes and seen continually for about 13 minutes as the plane flew north east out of Christchurch. The film shows at least 'three' discreet sequences of lights which have not been identified. (I could talk for about three hours on this).

(MR) Yes I believe that you could. Bruce, can the public believe all they read from the UFO literature ? are the facts really verified and thorough in various authors books ? Or are they just out for a good story on the unexplained ?

(BM) Well its up to the researcher to get the facts correct. And definitely the public can't believe all that they read about UFOs any more than they can believe all that they read in the newspapers or about the Government. (MR) Of course Bruce the big question that everybody asks is, if the true evidence points to 'extraterrestrial visitors' entering our air space, why do you think that they have not 'openly' contacted us ? (BM) Maybe they don't think we are ready for open contact. Maybe they would think that it would DESTROY OUR CIVILIZATION.

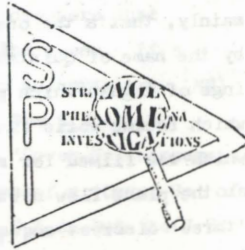
(MR) So you believe in this hypothesis ? (BM) It's a possibility. Certainly various groups of humanity have destroyed other civilizations, you know whenever a superior culture meets an 'inferior culture', the 'inferior culture' collapses. This happens over and over again. (MR) What would you say to fellow researchers who state that UFOs are nothing but bad interpretations and therefore complete nonsense ? (BM) Well I would say that they haven't studied the same cases as I have. (MR) Finally Bruce, do you think that we will be any further forward in our UFO research in the next 25 years ? (BM) That's a good question. Back in 1950, the early 1950's, Dr Hynek said that he would not have believed that as late as 1980 he would still be talking about UFOs. So I can say that its hard for me to believe that 25 years from now we will still be wondering what UFOs are. But to a large extent, it depends on the phenomenon itself. If it should go away completely, we would be left with a big mystery. If it keeps coming back like it has every four or five years for the past 30 years, then maybe we will be able to solve the mystery. (MR) Well Mr Maccabee, thank you very much for talking with me on these topics and I extend my best wishes to you for your future research.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



In our last issue, I asked readers for their comments on the writings of Michael Roll, and by golly it sure stirred up a hornets nest. However, comments have been given to me more verbally than in written form, but I present two letters which put over the general feeling shared by those who have read Mr Roll's work.

## DEAR EDITOR.

May I please address Mr Michael Roll through your letters page? Thank you.

Mr Roll, I read your article with interest, but may I make a few comments. (a) Not all Christians blame the Jews for 'killing their God', (for a start it isn't possible to kill God). Not all Christians even condemn Judas Escariot for betraying him, or the Romans for carrying out the task. Jesus KNEW what was going to happen. Indeed his demise was necessary in order to prove 'rebirth'.

(b) I am not a religious fanatic, but I believe in the birth of Jesus. Why can't God perform miracles if he wants to? And the Virgin Mary gave birth to the creator of the Universe's Son.

(c) Not all Christians believe only 'they' will survive. That's the belief of Jehovah's Witnesses. Most Christians believe as Jesus said, that 'anyone' can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

(d) If Professional priests do not believe a word of the divisive rubbish that they are pumping into the young trusting minds that are in their care why are they doing it? two faced if

you ask me. (e) I studied psychology. (f) Father Christmas as Saint Nicolas did exist. (g) Our society is rotten from top to bottom, the majority of cheats, murderers, rapists, etc, come from the so called 'working class'. (h) The splendid suffragettes were women which leads to another argument. (i) However much you or I or anyone else searches for the truth, lets face it, none of us are going to find it because God's truth, together with his plans for the human race are far to complex and intelligent for us to comprehend. After all, we can't even grasp a simple concept such as 'Infinity'?

I look forward to hearing your return comments Mr Roll, and please note that these comments/criticisms, are made by way of opinion and in no way do I intend you any offence. Yours Sincerely

HEATHER TURNBULL GRANCEMOUTH SCOTLAND.

## DEAR EDITOR.

I have read Mr Roll's major pamphlet entitled 'The Physicists and Rationalists Case for Survival after the death of our physical bodies', and my major criticism is that he gives no scientific proofs of his claims. He makes passing comments to theories, ie, the many worlds/parallel Universes theory of quantum mechanics, which is by no means a new theory. His interpretation of this theory may be different but that is all. And as to their being inhabitants to these worlds, well if he does have proof he certainly doesn't give any.

Quantum mechanics is a fascinating subject, and the deeper one goes into it the more fascinating and extraordinary it becomes. However, I wish he could get things straight, or is he trying to 'shock' his 'lay' audience into taking his word for it, ie, his claims of particles with mass that can pass through physical matter, he is of course referring to neutrino's, but as to them having mass? This is debateable as the 1983 experiments in the USSR which claimed the neutrinos mass have not been confirmed anywhere else.

I am bemused by his references to the 'etheric body', as I am not sure what he means, the Spiritualists 'etheric body' is not necessarily the same as that referred to by Eastern philosophies. Roll's section of 'scientific Proof' leaves a lot to be desired, and most desirable is his scientific proof as he hasn't given any yet. The last section of Investigating mediums I found slightly more interesting, especially materialisation mediums. However, I have yet to see or to be convinced that mediums can back up the work of theoretical or experimental physicists.

The only real thing I care to comment on in this section is that the investigation mediums was done some time ago to great consternation of Crookes. His medium, Florence Cook, and her manifestation, Kate King, were proven to be one and the same person, (Reference, 'The Other World, Janet Oppenheim, Cambridge 1985, pages 16-21) a set up, a deliberate hoax. No one can tell me that an eminent chemist and physicist like Crookes didn't know or did he have a motive from keeping it quiet? The section in Roll's pamphlet entitled 'Mathematical Proof' gave me hopes of something solid, "at last a nitty gritty section, there must be something here", alas I was wrong. Despite comments like, "our contemporary scientists have discovered the next world by mathematics", and, "now we have the mathematical proof of survival after death". Roll didn't present any? Where is this mathematical proof? He gives no formulae no

theorems, absolutely 'nothing'. In order to get converts, a statement is not enough, proof has to be seen, I await to be shown, Roll has no argument.

As a last comment on Mr Roll's work, I am not saying his theories are wrong, there may be something to them after all, what I object to is his claims of proofs and facts without showing them, if they exist I await to be shown. Also, I understand from the pamphlet that this is the laymans version, I would like to see the non-laymans version if such a thing exists. The ball, so they say, is now in his court.

TAN O NEIL CUMBERNAULD SCOTLAND.

## MICHAEL ROLL REPLIES.

As the Roman Catholics and their allies have almost total command of the means of mass communication and education, and they never give us the chance to reply, I am at a loss to understand why you feel obliged to give O'Neil the freedom of your columns. Would you also give the members of the Flat Earth Society the freedom of your columns?

I would no more have any correspondence with a Roman Catholic than I would a Flat Earth member. These fanatics would rather die than let the people find out about the physicists and rationalists case for survival. Yours sincerely.

MICHAEL ROLL DOWNEND BRISTOL ENGLAND.

## THE EDITOR REPLIES.

Well short and sweet Mike, but yes, as I've written before, this Journal is not only for the converted (so to speak) but for the people of different persuasions who hold a different 'outlook' on such phenomena. SPI feel that 'sceptics' open up good debate, but how these people don't accept NASA'S photographs which plainly show the planet Earth as being round, beats me, perhaps the Flat



Earth Society were instrumental in the founding of that honest and trustworthy newspaper, 'The Sunday Sport'? Anyway for the record, I personally believe in an 'afterlife' after material death, but although the evidence which brought this conviction to me, ie, mediumship etc, I find acceptable, many people do not accept this as 'bona-fide'.

But I am extremely happy of your commitment to strive to get over to the public that we do all survive death and move on to 'other dimensions'. But having said that, I would prefer to see more documentation in relation to facts in your writings than you have presented so far, for instance, detail the findings which 'swung you into action to present these findings to others'.

The debate of Life After Death is always controversial no matter which way we look at it. Perhaps someone may develop a device better than the 'Spiricom', (an alleged telephone link to the other side?) in which would enable us to perceive, or receive these other dimensions more fully. In any event, did God create the Earth? or did the Earth evolve itself through Interstellar solidification? There will never be a time when absolutely everyone will agree on this side of the fence or the other unless the phenomenon of spirits etc is broken into with some form of device which can show the world, not a select few, that this is possible. More evidence please.

#### THE EDITOR SAUCHIE SCOTLAND.

(By the way), Michael Roll will send his thesis "The Physicists and Rationalists Case For Survival After The Death Of Our Physical Bodies", free of charge to every person who sends a stamped addressed envelope (A5 size) to, 28 Westerleigh Road, Downend, Bristol, BS16 6AH, England. Free offer in the U.K. only. Send now for YOUR copy.



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#### DEAR EDITOR.

At a recent church party, a conversation between a devout church member and myself got round to UFOs. It appears the more zealous the Christian, the more he is liable to label UFOs as "of the devil". He sure didn't know any of the real case reports, but that didn't seem to deter him from labelling UFOs as demonic and cult related.

I tried to point out that I didn't think angels or demons would have the need to travel in spaceships or any sort of mechanical conveyance, but I was advised to "beware of demons in many forms". No amount of placing UFOs in the category of 'just someone else's astronauts checking us out' made any impression on him either. In the U.S. it takes all kinds to make up a society. We all endure the crazy along with the sane. There has been an upswing in cult-related activities 'devil worship, animal sacrifices, and most recently, Mexican ritual human murders in Matamoros just across the Texas border to act as sacrifices to keep the drug enforcement officers away.

Often when I initially explain the UFO situation to someone, I feel inclined to preface my explanations to reflect the fact we are not cult members. We practice nothing supernatural nor attempt to con anyone. The more cult articles appear in the newspapers, the more the need to defend ourselves. The Rev. Dr. Billy Graham has said he believes other intelligent civilizations are out there in space. He doesn't know if they have arrived here or not, but deems it possible. He says nothing in the Bible states the Earth is the only habitat of life, he believes those among other planets are also God's children, and he would someday like to meet one of them to ask how religion has influenced their history just like it has every race on our world.

That's a good attitude and far from the unreasonable one that lumps us in with palm readers, con artists, or Devil Fans.

LINDY WHITEHURST DALLAS TEXAS U.S.A.

## DANIEL DUNGLAS HOME (1833-1886)

BY Ron Halliday.

Due to Ron's heavy workload at present, ie, he has just finished completing work on a manuscript for a book on Scottish Witchcraft, and also with his commitments at Stirling University of which he works as an Administrator, we unfortunately have to leave Ron's 'Earth Mystery' spot for another issue. However, I present an article submitted by Ron some months ago for inclusion in ENIGMA'S. It concerns Scotland's most famous medium, Daniel Dunglas Home.

The origins of the organised Spiritualist movement can be traced back to the 19th century, although of course the idea of communicating with spirits of the dead is as old as man himself. The Hydesville rapping (New York State, USA) of March 1848 involving the Fox sisters, (Kate, Leah, and Margaret), provided the impetus for the movement which spread rapidly along the Eastern US coast and major cities like New York. During this period, many people learnt that they possessed mediumistic abilities and one of these was a young Scotsman, Daniel Dunglass Home, who was to become the most famous medium of all time, and an inspiration to the Spiritualist movement.



Daniel Dunglas Home.

Home was born in the village of Currie near Edinburgh, but as a child was sent to America. His father was either a labourer or a skilled engineer, but claimed to be an illegitimate son of the tenth Earl of Home, (ancestors of Sir Alec Douglas Home, British PM 1963-4). This claim was not a figment of Home's imagination, and was attested to by sworn affidavits given by local people during a later court case. Home's first recorded mediumistic experience came in 1846 when he saw the spirit of his deceased friend Edwin days before news of the death arrived. Soon all the incidents associated with mediums appeared with Home, rappings, spirit hands, materialisation of flowers, playing of musical instruments and levitation. But it was in London where Home came from the US in 1855, that his 'career' really took off. He quickly became a regular attendee at the homes of the upper classes, he journeyed around Europe and was welcomed by the Emperor Napoleon III of France and Tsar Nicholas of Russia. Home was married twice, on both occasions to members of the Russian aristocracy.

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The enthusiasm that he generated amongst Spiritualists, made him a target for sceptics and outright opponents, both Charles Dickens and Robert Browning detested him. Home was a 'physical medium', ie, a medium who produces an effect on physical objects. His most famous feat took place in 1868 at Ashley Place London. Home floated out of one window of a flat thirty feet above ground and in another window of the same flat. Three witnesses testified to the occurrence. Needless to say in spite of witnesses statements, the event remains shrouded in controversy. Some of the statements of the witnesses seem to contradict each other, (although this occurs no matter what the incident), and the distance between the windows (7ft in the original testimony), has come under doubt (some estimates say as low as 4ft). The building where the alleged levitation took place, was demolished in the 1960's, and so it is no longer possible to carry out a proper investigation.

Home however, was prepared to submit his psychic abilities to the test of scientists, and was investigated by Sir William Crookes, the discoverer of thallium and later President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Crookes submitted a report of these tests and expressed the opinion that Home had shown the ability to defy known natural laws, e.g. he made musical instruments play and could make objects heavier again without touching them. It must be said however, that Crookes was capable of being tricked, and thought genuine phenomena which one 'medium' later confessed she had done by trickery.

Home took little interest in the development of Spiritualism as an organised religion, and after a brief flirtation with Roman Catholicism, he joined the Greek orthodox church, and, after his death in 1886, was buried in St Germain-en-Laye, France according to the rites of the Greek Church. Curiously, I have not heard of Home turning up at any psychic seance since his death, perhaps the Summerland has absorbed all his considerable talent and energy.

(Well readers, have you heard anything about Mr Home's return to any seance? if so, write to ENIGMA'S and let us know. Ed)



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# ICUR

## International Committee for UFO Research

LONDON UFO CONGRESS

JULY 14/16th 1989.

'Balls of light', 'fake UFO photos', 'Corn Circles', 'Gulf Breeze', 'Abduction Debate'. These, and many other subjects, were the feature of the ICUR Congress which was held in the London Business school near Regents Park London over the weekend of July 14th/16th. Your Editor, (who has been known to show an interest in UFOs ?) attended this very important event, which indeed it was, for it was here that an Abduction Panel made up of congress delegates, debated on what should and should not be done to further our knowledge on this particular facet of the UFO Enigma.

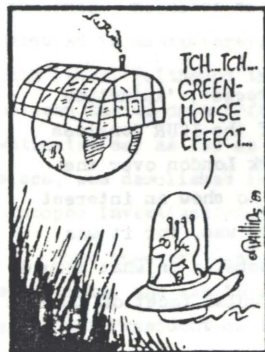
Your Editor participated in the MUFON, (Mutual UFO Network's) representative meeting the day before the congress started in which I was fortunate enough to view all the Gulf Breeze photographs when Walt Andrus displayed them for myself Bob Digby and Steve Gamble. A lively talk ensued between the four of us, bringing up all the issues of 'fake models' etc. I was then invited to attend the ICUR meeting itself, of which Bob Digby, Steve Gamble, Walt Andrus, John Spencer, Bertil Kuhleman, and ~~MILOS KRMELJ~~ attended. I learned from this meeting that CUFOS, (Centre For UFO Studies), are not the force that they once were with Dr Allen Hynek at the helm. They are basically down to an answer phone. Those within CUFOS are at present, at 'loggerheads' with MUFON over the Gulf Breeze issue and it would appear that the internal bickering in the States looks familiar to certain 'problems' that we have had in the U.K. Sad really.

The following day saw the start of the Congress, with, what I feel, was a disappointing turn out, round about 90 or so, (if that). However, after the formal opening which was conducted by Sir Patrick Wall, MC VRD, RM, (Ret), an interesting lecture on 'Balls Of Light' by author Hilary Evans ensued. There was much thought provoking stuff here, and relevant to the phenomenon of UFOs too. An abduction debate followed, in which those speakers who were to present papers at the week-end Congress, spoke briefly on Abductions and gave their point of view (with some interesting details I might add). A break for coffee followed, this gave one the opportunity to converse with fellow UFOlogists from around the world,

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Indeed, when one was getting 'into' the subject, it was unfortunately time to leave and rejoin the congress itself. Never mind, more coffee breaks, more time to chin wag. Claude Mauge of France then gave a lecture on, "An Attempt to Define The UFO", and although Claude tended to speak rather fast, his talk was none the less, interesting.



The evening lecture was presented by a good friend of SPI none other than, Philip 'where's your piece of paper' Mantle? Philip's subject was the Barnsley UFO hoax. This centered around three photographs of an alleged UFO taken by Peter Beard from his home in Barnsley. After much money spent by the IUN (Independent UFO Network), these photographs were found to be hoaxed. (The money being spent on computer analysis). It is getting extremely difficult now to fake a UFO photo, as any screw ball will soon find out if he or she attempts it. Only thing is though, its sure expensive to research, as Phil

and his colleagues found out. Friday evening saw your Editor take part in an arranged night out in London which included, apart from myself, Rodney Howarth, Phil Mantle, Dave Kelly, Andy Walmsley, Clive Potter, and Stuart, (forgot his name?). We also had Maurizio Verga and Gian Paolo Grassino from Italy take part, looking splendid in their Italian designer clothes. Yes, a night to fondly remember.

Saturday saw Ken Philips give a talk on the Anamnesis Form and its use on the UFO witness, a form which I believe most definitely merits use in UFO witness work, or indeed, Ghost/Poltergeist witness work; for we are after all studying the witness, it is the witness that holds nine tenths of the key, at least for now?

Bertil Kuhleman from Sweden followed with a talk on, "Making a stand on the UFO Subject". But it was Bertil's last few sentences which drew gasps from those who knew him in the audience, for Bertil stated, that over the next 12 months, big things will occur in the world in regards to UFOlogy, and we should 'open up' into a 'passive state of mind' and try and communicate with the 'aliens'? Was he serious? He surely was.....I think.... A break for lunch followed, more beer, more interesting people, and some not so, ie, a gentleman and his wife who claimed that they had 'seen' Jesus nailed to the cross. How? The 'aliens' took them time travelling of course. Dave Kelly had a few choice words to say about that I can tell you, (unprintable here sorry). OK, I accept that this is equally just as unprovable as current UFO research itself.

Some British national newspapers sent reporters to the congress, and, wait for it, yes those primates of journalistic 'untruths' the Sunday Sport sent a photographer who kept peeking out from behind pillars taking photographs. He was quickly ushered into another dimension by a not so friendly UFO fan who had the full backing of all those present.

Paul Fuller then took the platform for his research talk on the 'corn Circles', those strange circular patterns which appear in wheat and corn fields in England (and other parts of the world?), but particularly in England during June and July. Paul presented an informed lecture giving cover to all other possibilities, 'hoaxes', 'mating animals', etc. But the opinion is that these circles are formed by some form of 'wind phenomenon', (though how this can account for the intricate patterns that have been seen beats me). Surely the circle phenomenon will not puzzle us for as long as the UFO phenomenon has?

Cynthia Hind followed, and she too presented a very interesting lecture on UFO sightings in Africa which was well illustrated. One cannot fail to warm to Cynthia's style, and her humour had the audience in fits of laughter during her talk. Cynthia, who lives over in Africa, sure has a big continent to cover in regards to her UFO research. But the major thing that congress delegates learned during her talk, was the fact that many black africans, many who live out in the bush, with no mod cons or daily paper, report the same classic UFO shapes as have many witnesses from other parts of the world. Yes there is a lot to be

learned here. BUFORA Investigator for London, Albert Budden put forward his view at question time, that many of the worlds top UFO Investigators should make a trip to Africa to study this 'uncontaminated' UFO situation there. Good point Albert.



Albert Budden.  
Photo, M. Robinson.  
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There then followed the talk which most people had been waiting for, the Gulf Breeze issue. A long story this, but basically it concerns many UFO photographs taken by a Gulf Breeze man and his wife at Pensacola Florida. Walt Andrus, the head of MUFON, gave a heavily illustrated talk on this issue which opened up a good debate at question time. Walt firmly believes in the authenticity of these photos, as apparently does Dr Bruce Maccabee a Navy physicist. Yes this is indeed some case, (more in a moment).

ICUR then presented a 'film night' in which we saw the UFO Experience, then a documentary on the 'circles', then the Alan Godfrey hypnotic regression session, and another film. Overall it had been some day



Sunday saw our Italian colleagues Maurizio Verga and Gian Paolo Grassino, (who had 'sobered up from the Friday night' ?) present a paper on UFO research in Italy, of which permission has been given to feature in ENIGMA'S at a later date. Then followed Elsie Oakenson, a British Abductee. Here was someone who's experienced the ultimate, a UFO abduction, not a CE I, (you could have heard a pin drop). Tony Walters from Sweden, interviewed Elsie on behalf of SPI and readers of ENIGMA'S may see an account of this experience soon.

Mary Heitman from Airdrie, an SPI member and ENIGMA'S reader, came from Scotland to join with me for the Sunday session, and I'm sure, like me, she found it very worthwhile. John Spencer of BUFORA, then gave a well thought out talk on how researchers should not lead the UFO Abductee and put words in his or her mouth. (I couldn't agree more John). John is correct, we researchers have to be more careful, for if our research is not conducted properly today, then we may hamper and hinder the progress (if any ?), for future UFO researchers.

Walt Andrus then came back with a quick return of the Gulf Breeze photos to show new members of the audience. A heavy, (and I mean heavy), debate followed, with a photographic expert in the audience giving Walt his views on these photos. One can only hope that these photographs ARE genuine, for if their not and are hoaxed, then Walt will have a heck of a lot of egg on his face, and I would never wish that on such a nice man, (OK, I'm a crawler). Jenny Randles then informed the audience on what transpired concerning the 'Abduction Meeting', (a meeting of delegates of which sat to discuss the way forward in this line of research). Jenny informed the audience on 12 extremely thought out points which I'm sure that globally will be adhered to and put into practice during the ensuing months. These 12 points will be featured in a future issue of ENIGMA'S

Bob Digby then closed what had been an extremely productive and enjoyable 3 days and a benefit to any UFOlogist. I personally interviewed on tape, several UFO researchers, (transcripts of which will be appearing in this journal soon). Mixing with delegates was just as fruitful as the congress itself. I continually plugged the Scottish band CE IV whenever I could, and displayed their photograph and poster at the venue. The music of CE IV was kindly played by UFO Times Editor, Mike Wooten during most of the intervals which gave the perfect flavour to the whole thing. But the final word must surely go to Mickey's fish bar in London Street Paddington. Never, and I repeat never, have I tasted such a wonderful fish supper, truly brilliant. The congress was OK too ?

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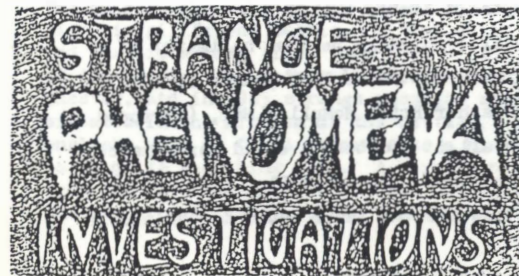
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is free. So don't delay, be there on the day.

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☐ BUFORA LECTURES. ☐

7. Oct 89. THE BROMLEY POLTERGEIST.

To be given by Manfred Cassirer.

4. Nov 89. WHAT PROOF DO THEY WANT ?

To be given by Maurice Grosse.

These lectures commence at 6.30pm and of which a break for refreshment follows. The evening concludes with questions and a public debate. The venue is, The London Business School, Sussex Place, Outer Circle Regents Park, London. Small door charge.



## S.P.I. UPDATES.

LOCH MORAR. I unhappily have to report, that due to lack of interest shown by members of SPI, we were unable to conduct our research project aimed at Loch Morar in search of the elusive, 'Morag', (another Scottish water monster). However the good thing to come out of it I suppose, is that it will give SPI more time to arrange a sponser to assist in obtaining sonar apparatus (etc). SPI will definitely be going to Loch Morar next year even if its only your Editor. But we would ask you to consider assisting SPI by coming to Loch Morar with us next year. Can you help ?

CE IV. Those musical UFO ambassadors from Scotland, rock group, CE IV, kindly invited me through to Glasgow recently to meet up with their new lead singer John McBride. I also had the opportunity to meet Andrew Morton of whom I discussed briefly, the need to boost The Scottish UFO Society (of which SPI co-founded) in the light of attracting more members and possibly new UFO reports. After further talks and liquid refreshment it was time to retire. John kindly put me up for the night in his flat, and the following day I travelled with CE IV over to their practice studio in the heart of Glasgow. At £5 an hour for the hire of the room it wasn't cheap, but it certainly offered the best facilities of its kind in Glasgow.

The heat inside the studio was at times unbearable, but for the good old 'Irn Bru' we would all have been dehydrated, (made in Scotland from girders ??) I must confess, that once CE IV began their set, my feet could hardly remain still. Numbers such as, 'Warminster Night', 'New Gods', 'MIB Man', and so on, were played with proficiency and vigour which one could readily appreciate when one sees CE IV play live. Chris Rafferty on keyboards is a joy to behold, with his dancing around the keyboards and his 'intristic' keyboard licks, whilst new singer John McBride gives the band the vocals that will eventually be the 'hallmark' of the CE IV sound. Young Brian McMullen on drums, must have lost pounds of sweat with his energetic drum playing, whilst his father Brian McMullen Snr, (stripped to the waist), commanded the guitar. All in all it had been a sound performance and CE IV will soon be 'again', ready for the road. Brian McMullen (snr) assures me that the band will come to Alloa and present their sound to the people



Stirling Shopper.

of Clackmannanshire. If you would like to see CE IV play in your town, why not drop me a line and I'll inform the band. By the way, contrary to popular belief, I am not CE IV's manager, (even if it sounds like it ?). Finally. CE IV's latest cassette album entitled, 'Abduction', is still currently on sale and can be obtained by sending £6.00 to, CE IV Music, IO2 Ferness Oval Glasgow, G21 3SE. Happy listening.

JULY SKYWATCH. The British National Skywatch of July 27th which was organised by Raymond Broderick of the 'Hyndburn Skywatch Lincs', was, (as far as Scotland was concerned,) a non event. This was due to heavy overcast skies. Typically the first overcast skies seen in Scotland for some weeks, as Scotland has been enjoying a fine spell of weather. SPI member Steven Hall of Aberdeen informed me that the situation was the same where he lived, as did a number of other SPI members. I await with interest for the results to reach me from other parts of the U.K. SPI aim to hold a 'Scottish Skywatch' later on in the year. Details later, but if you are interested in participating, then please get in touch.

SPELLING. Will readers please accept my apologies and bear with me for the spelling mistakes in this Journal. I know that for some of you its your favourite feature in the Journal ? but I am working on it, 'honest' ?

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### Book Review.

**The Vertical Plane. Ken Webster. Grafton 1989.**

The author, Ken Webster, is one of the prime participants of the book along with his girlfriend Debbie. A book which tells of messages relayed backward and forward across time, from 1985 to the mid 1500's, which lasted for a period of two years. The author lived in Meadow Cottage, Dodleston, 4 miles south of Chester, and in 1985 strange messages started to appear on a BBC microcomputer situated in the kitchen of the cottage. The messages written in 'old style' english, were at first regarded as a hoax by the author, but they turned out to be quite something else. A correspondence from a man calling himself, "LUKAS", from the 16th century, whose own cottage was built either on the same site as the existing cottage, or WAS the existing cottage before modifications.

### Scot 'Cured' At Lourdes

IT WAS claimed last night that an elderly Alloa man was cured of severe and chronic back pain after a visit to Lourdes. The man was in a party of around 200 from the Diocese of Dunkeld who made the pilgrimage between July 10 and 17. He had to be helped into the baths but afterwards was able to throw away his walking stick.

From The Scottish Sunday Post. 23rd July 89.





As the story develops, chronicling the friendship between the participants and their 16th century messenger, which Debbie can see and communicate with via dreaming, while asleep in the cottage, reveals himself to be one Tomas Harden. But that's not all, there also appears to be communication via the BBC micro-computer from person, or persons unknown signing themselves 2IO9 ?

Towards the end of the 2 year period, Lukas/Tomas reverts to communicating via pen and paper left in the kitchen for him, an example of which is given in the book. The messages unfortunately do come to an end when Lukas/Tomas is evicted from his cottage by his landlord. The strange correspondence was Investigated by the Society for Psychical Research, whose Investigator abandoned the case for no apparent reason, and without filing any sort of report with the SPR office. A second Investigator, Gary Rowe, a UFO Investigator, also failed to produce any sort of report although it is intimated that he knew far more than he was willing to tell. ?

After the messages ceased, other messages came to light, from the past, directed at Ken Webster, from participants as far away as Luxembourg. One wonders if the story continues ? The book also touches on some other strange outlooks related to time, and has a further reading section for the more curious reader on the subject of time. I found the book to be well written, an excellent read, and utterly believable. I would thoroughly recommend it to those interested in the paranormal/Parapsychology. This is definitely not one of the run of the mill paranormal books. As the book leaves some questions which were developed unanswered I look forward to further developments.

Book review by Tam O Neil.

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## Ghostly experiences.

BY MALCOLM ROBINSON.

### PART ONE



Ghosts and hauntings, these words convey to some individuals, an indepth fear of the paranormal. The chilling thought that deceased persons which in some cases have returned from beyond the grave to once again appear, if only in shadowy form, is a fact that few seriously minded persons cannot dismiss. Strange tales of ghosts and hauntings can be found in all corners of the earth, and records show that accounts of ghostly presences go well back into antiquity.

As a researcher of the paranormal, I take from my files some interesting accounts of ghostly visitors, of which the persons who relayed the information to me cannot themselves, offer no rational explanation to account for them. A further point which should be stated here before we continue. is that in no way did these

individuals feel that they were hallucinating, rather they were adamant that they were in full awareness of their senses, and that this to them was something totally unexplainable and something which they will never forget.

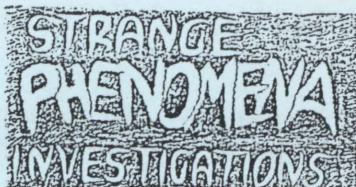
Our first account comes from a Mrs Fox from Lingwood Norwich. Mrs Fox has always had an interest in the paranormal, which was partly due to some events which occurred to her during the early part of her life. One of the first incidents which although Mrs Fox found baffling, it did not frighten her, was the apparition of a young man who appeared at the foot of her bed one evening. This young man was known to Mrs Fox, in fact she used to look after him as he was slightly backward, but she had never seen him for over four years. The apparition smiled at Mrs Fox, then in a matter of seconds faded and nothing more was to be seen.

The following day Mrs Fox was surprised to meet, after four years, this young man's mother. She came into the office where Mrs Fox worked and informed her that her son whom Mrs Fox had cared for, had passed away in the night. At that moment Mrs Fox knew that this young man had made his last appearance to her, no doubt as a token of his respect and love for the care and attention of which Mrs Fox had given him. Mrs Fox has also witnessed, other apparitions during her life, of which none have ever frightened her. She accepts the 'hereafter', and that the people she has seen, are, by their presences, making known to her, that there is a life after death.

Our next case is slightly more different in that the person witnessed an apparition of his mother, but at that time she was NOT dead, she in fact died the following year. Mr Young of Invergowrie Scotland, takes up this unusual story. "I live in a village and when my son was just over two years old, he was with his granny who lived in a small house just down the road. So I went down to collect him, as I was reaching the house, I saw my mother and son go up the path and into her house, but when I went in there was nobody there. I knew it was her as she was wearing a red coat, I then came back out of the house and started to walk back up the path, I was then startled to see my mother and son approaching me coming back up the road. I soon learned that they were just back from visiting the shops and were just now arriving home. This was in 1961, and unfortunately mum passed away a year later. To this day I still cant explain it, but I definitely saw them, I'll always remember it". Well we can see that this is an interesting case, indeed a woman of whom was plagued by psychic manifestations in her home in Laurieston near Falkirk, saw both me and her daughter (at separate times), appear in her home looking solid and real, but the major fact is, we weren't there at those times as she soon found out when both I and her daughter faded away.



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■ SEXY SPOOK ? Im sorry, but I cannot resist mentioning the hilarious story which was featured in the Sun on June 3rd, it concerned divorcee Lynn Arkley and her night time lover, 'a ghost' ? We are told that for two years this ghost has been giving Lynn (29) 'the willies', (yes that is what I thought), in which it has pulled her bedcovers down and fondled her and things went on from there. The house has since been exorcised by Pentecostal Pastor Norman Humphrey; however, the ghost is not too keen to leave, and apparently things are still going 'bonk' in the night. Lynn added, "I don't want him to go away, I just want the 'hanky panky' to stop. (pull the other one ?) ■ UFOCALL 'UFOCALL' is the first regularly updated national UFO news and information service; available by telephone, seven days a week by dialling, 0898 121886. The 'UFOCALL' service reports on the latest sightings of UFOs reported to BUFORA from around the UK, and discusses current research of this most baffling phenomenon. General news, book reviews and information on planned events will also be featured on 'UFOCALL'. So make it a regular date to keep ahead of the headlines by calling 'UFOCALL'. Just dial and listen. ■ JASON AT COASTERS. Well blow me down, 'Aussie' heart throb Jason Donovan King of the soap Neighbours, (oh no, I feel the tune coming on), appeared recently at Coasters the haunted disco in Edinburgh, (see last issue). Jason performed to scores of teenage kids, many of whom fainted (how come I never have that effect on woman ? I wonder what our ghost had to make of it all ? If our ghost hasn't fled the premises now, then Im sure that it would have once Jason rattled those vocal chords. Id better not slag the guy anymore, for my daughter adores him and she's only nine. ■ NESSIE'S BACK ? The 1st official sighting of the Loch Ness Monster for this year, occurred on the 3rd of June when a group of English tourists on board a pleasure cruiser were directed to the sonar scope in which a large unidentified 'blip' (estimated at 40 foot), could easily be seen. Norman McKenzie, owner of the 'Caledonian Queen' from whose boat registered this anomalous 'blip' said that the boat has recently been

fitted with a new colour sonar machine, so there was no mistake. Following on the fins of this report, comes a story featured in the Scottish Daily Record of 29th June which informs us that a John and Judy Chafin from Vancouver Island Canada, have apparently captured something quite strange on their video camera whilst taking some shots of Loch Ness. Marine Biologist Dr Gordon Williamson who, after seeing the video, informed us, "its certainly something unusual swimming around the loch. Im not a believer, but I couldnt work out what the creature is". Dr Williamson did say however, that it may have been an alsation dog or a deer. A deer maybe, but an alsation in mid-water ? ■ WHERE IS HE NOW ? SPI are currently trying to trace the present whereabouts of one Billy Gibbons, 'Psychical Researcher'. Billy, formerly of Stranraer Scotland, resided at an address in Forest Gate London. Billy has just recently come back from the Congo Basin in Africa with a team of fellow explorers in search of, wait for it, 'Dinasaurs' ? If you know where Billy is currently residing, then SPI would be happy to hear from you. ■ STILL TO COME. Still to come to the pages of this Journal, will be items from Paul Devereaux of Wales on "Earth Lights And UFOs". Ralph Noyes of London on the "Mysterious Circles Phenomenon". Greg Long of Oregon USA on some "UFO Sightings In Yakima Indian Reservation In Washington State". Margaret Fry of Wales on her own personal views on Swiss UFO repeater witness Eduard Meier. Heather Turnbull of Grangemouth Scotland on the, "Astronomical Background Of Megalithic Sites". A report from Margaret Newson of Wetherby Yorkshire on an unusual seance held in Manchester in August 1988, plus much much more. And don't forget, you too can contribute to ENIGMA'S by sending in articles, etc. Material will be used at the Editor's discretion. Bye for now, Ed.